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Whereas, Ernest P. Bicknell served his country and his state loyally and unselfishly for many years, dedicating his life to helping those in need;

Whereas, Ernest P. Bicknell was appointed National Director of the Red Cross in 1908, and his ideas and proposals were instrumental in shaping the organization between 1909 and 1917 and was appointed as Vice Chairman for Insular and Foreign Operations, a position he held at the time of his death in 1935;

Whereas, Ernest P. Bicknell worked to revitalize the membership program and introduce new reforms;

Whereas, Before his selection as National Director, Ernest P. Bicknell had been associated with the Red Cross during the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, representing the city of Chicago and the state of Illinois in supervising the distribution of relief funds collected in the Chicago area;

Whereas, Earnest P. Bicknell also served as General Superintendent of the Chicago Bureau of Charities;

Whereas, Both during and following World War I, Ernest P. Bicknell spent long periods of time in Europe studying the relief needs of countries and refugees, receiving many medals



and decorations, including the Order of the Crown of Belgium, Order of the Legion of Honor of France, Order of the Crown of Italy, and the Order of St. Anne of Russia;

Whereas, Ernest P. Bicknell remained with the American Red Cross for a quarter century;

Whereas, Born near Bicknell, Indiana, in 1897, Ernest P. Bicknell graduated from Indiana University and worked for six years as a newspaper reporter; and

Whereas, In recognition for his years of dedicated service to those in need, it is fitting and just that Ernest P. Bicknell receive special recognition by the citizens of Indiana: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the Indiana
2 Department of Transportation to rename the part of State Road 159
3 from Bicknell to Freelandville in Knox County the "Ernest P. Bicknell
4 Highway" in memory of his many contributions to his state, his
5 community, and his country.

6 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the
7 Secretary of the Senate to the family of Ernest P. Bicknell and the
8 commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation.

